



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

## Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – Mayor’s Ceremonial Room

**Members Present:** Randy Akes, Jr., David McNiel, Suzy Q Parker, Heather Troxel, Wivory Brandle, Brian Percy, Erin House, Jacob Hernandez, Annette Martinez Lievanos, Pat Watson, Nancy Hart, Jay Dyer, Manuel Carrasco

**Members Excused:** Steve Stearns, Barbara Brown, Christina Duran, Carolyn Hart, Laura Powers, Dana Kruckenberg, Marisol Ruiz

**Members Unexcused:** John Arroyos, Rita Nieto, Cynthia Woods

**Guests:** Dom Betro, Paul Chavez, Debra Hurtado, Marie Leggette

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis-McNiel, Director, Office of Neighborhoods

### 1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order Randy Akes, Jr. at 6:35 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of January 5, 2004 with the following corrections: Manuel Carrasco and Barbara Brown were present, and Randy Akes, Jr. was not present.  
(Carrasco/Percy/carried)

### 3. Comments from Councilman Dom Betro, Ward 1

Councilman Dom Betro introduced himself to the RNP and guests and assured them of his commitment as an advocate for neighborhoods.

### 4. Neighborhood Reports

Casa Blanca Neighborhood Advisory Committee (Casa Blanca): Jacob Hernandez reported that the neighborhood will be celebrating the opening of the community computer room at the Villegas Park Community Center on Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. Hernandez also reported on a youth trip to a Ducks game sponsored by the Park Advisory. He also announced the neighborhood Cinco de Mayo Fiesta taking place on May 1 and 2, 2004.  
neighborhood group.

### 5. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Mayor’s Challenge Committee – Erin House reported that it has been difficult to get everyone together for a meeting although a meeting did take place last month. A number of reports are still outstanding.
- b. Traffic Committee – David McNiel (RNP) and Eva Yakutis McNiel (Office of Neighborhoods) will be presenting to the Parking, Traffic, and Streets committee on March 3. Report will be made at next month’s meeting.  
Mr. Akes reported that he is on an RTA committee appointed by the Mayor to look at a High Speed rail system.

Mr. Betro encouraged everyone to look at the circulation plan that is being developed by the planning department for the updated General Plan.

- c. Neighborhood Matching Grant Committee – Jay Dyer reported on behalf of the committee and recommended funding for a Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group application. (House/Pearcy/carried)

Mr. Dyer also brought forward an application by the Casa Blanca Community Advisory Committee that Office of Neighborhoods staff had asked the Chairman to approve on an emergency basis due to short time frame to fund their event.

Mr. Percy moved to ratify approval that is already in place per Mr. Akes. (Percy/House/carried)

**6. Office of Neighborhood Report**

Office of Neighborhoods staff updated the board as to activities surrounding the annual neighborhood conference planning and other activities currently underway in the division.

- 7. **Future Agenda Items:** Discussion of accountability of RNP members to the neighborhood areas that they represent as well as attendance at monthly RNP meetings, Community Police Review Commission, Human Relations Commission.

**8. Other Business:**

- SusieQ Parker recommended RNP members be more active in their contact with neighborhood groups within their area;
- Nancy Hart reported that they broke ground at the Arlanza Day Care on Challen and the Arlanza Resource Center.

**9. Next Meeting: April 5, 2004, 6:30pm – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**10. Meeting adjourned**

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